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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 06478.1464

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Hubert METZNER et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1752  
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Application No.: 10/052,469 ) Examiner: Hoa Van LE  
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Filed: January 23, 2002 )  
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For: THE USE OF A HYDROGEN PEROXIDE )  
 PLASMA STERILIZATION METHOD )  
 FOR THE MILD STERILIZATION OF )  
 TEMPERATURE-SENSITIVE PRODUCTS )

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to reply to the  
Office Action of October 2, 2003. A fee of \$950.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any  
additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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Respectfully submitted,

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